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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID

REF: STATE 179444

1. MFA STATE SECRETARY PETER KOOIJMANS WILL REPRESENT NETHERLANDS AT LAGOS. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, WHO WAS INVITED SEPARATELY AS "EMINENT PERSONALITY", MAY ALSO ATTEND FOR ONE DAY. HOWEVER, THERE IS SOME QUESTION WHETHER INVITATION TO VAN DER STOEL STILL STANDS. IN ADDITION, TIMING PRESENTS PROBLEMS FOR HIM BECAUSE OF ONGOING DISCUSSIONS ON FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENTARY SCHEDULE.

2. MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT DUTCH HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED BY STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AGREED UPON BY EC-9 LAST WEEK IN BRUSSELS, PRIMARILY BECAUSE THEY HAD HOPED AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON CERTAIN SPECIFIC MEASURES. IN THIS CONNECTION DUTCH HAD IN MIND SUCH MEASURES AS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BUSINESSES DEALING WITH SOUTH AFRICA, STOP TO FURTHER INVESTMENT THERE AND A STUDY OF THE POSSIBILITY OF LIMITING OIL EXPORTS TO SOUTH AFRICA. MORE OR LESS AS FOOTNOTE RUTTEN REFERRED TO FACT THAT DUTCH WERE
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ESPECIALLY CONCERNED BY CONTINUED SUPPLY OF OIL TO RHODESIA FROM SOUTH AFRICA. HE FOUND SOME COMFORT IN FACT THAT DECLARATION TO BE PRESENTED BY BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AT LAGOS AT LEAST MENTIONED A STUDY OF POSSIBLE NEW INITIATIVES THAT MIGHT USE THE FULL ECONOMIC POWER OF THE EEC AGAINST APARTHEID. RUTTEN IDENTIFIED THE PRINCIPAL OPPONENTS TO MORE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE AS UK, FRANCE, AND FRG.

3. RUTTEN INDICATED SOME APPREHENSION THAT DRAFT RESOLUTION MIGHT EMERGE AT LAGOS WHICH WOULD PRODUCE SPLIT IN EC-9, FOR EXAMPLE ON PROPOSAL SUCH AS ARMS EMBARGO, TO WHICH FRENCH ARE OPPOSED. DUTCH HAD HEARD THAT NIGERIA AND UN SECRETARIAT WERE OPTIMISTIC THAT CONSENSUS COULD BE REACHED AT LAGOS, AS HAPPENED IN MAPUTO, BUT RUTTEN WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT THIS PROSPECT, GIVEN THE LIKELIHOOD THAT EAST EUROPEANS WOULD SEEK TO DIVIDE WEST BY PRESSING PROPOSALS SOME WESTERN STATES COULD NOT ACCEPT.
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